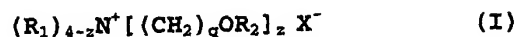


What Is Claimed Is:

1. A compound selected from the group of compounds represented by the formula

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wherein each  $R_1$  is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alicyclic, aryl, alkalicyclic, alkaryl, alicyclicalkyl, aralkyl, aralicyclic, and  
10 alicyclicaryl moieties that can contain one or more heteroatoms; each  $R_2$  is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and the moieties described above for  $R_1$ ;  $z$  is an integer of 1 to 4;  $q$  is an integer  
15 of 1 to 4; and  $X^-$  is a weakly coordinating fluoroorganic anion selected from the group consisting of bis(perfluoroalkanesulfonyl)imides and tris(perfluoroalkanesulfonyl)methides.

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